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Honorable James M. Jeffords Member, United States Senate P.O. Box 397 2 South Main Street Rutland, VT 05702

Dear Senator Jeffords:

Earlier this year I responded to your letter concerning the Howe Center (Howe Richardson Scale Company) in Rutland, Vermont. In that letter I indicated that discussions between Vermont and EPA regarding the site status were continuing. I am pleased to inform you that as a result of these discussions the site has been determined to be subject to the corrective action authorities under the Resource Compensation and Recovery Act (RCRA). Because the RCRA program has been delegated, the State of Vermont has the responsibility for the oversight if any further remedial actions are needed.

The Howe Richardson Scale Company will continue to be listed in the Comprehensive Environmental Repsonse, and Liablility Information System (CERCLIS) with the notation that the site has been deferred to the RCRA program.

If you need any further assistance, please contact me, or have your staff contact Rudy Brown of the office of Government Relations at (617) 565-3412.

Sincerely,

Julie Belaga

Regional Administrator

cc: Robert Finucane, VT AEC